

## REMARKS

The Office Action and references cited therein have been carefully reviewed. The following remarks herein are considered to be responsive thereto. Claims 1-16 remain in this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,991,642 issued to Watanabe, et al. (Watanabe). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The patent to Watanabe teaches a mobile communication system that comprises a multiplicity of mobile stations, wherein a plurality of base stations are connected to the mobile stations by radio channels. One or more switches are utilized; the switches switch and connect transmission routes between two respective mobile stations that are connected to two base stations. The base stations disclosed within the Watanabe may have equipment that is capable of handling a single type of speech coding scheme, and some may have equipment capable of adaptively handling two or more different types of speech coding schemes. Further, the above-mentioned switch may include a means that when seeking to establish a connection, finds out which speech coding schemes the two mobile stations to be connected can handle. This is accomplished via the channel used for the connection control, and by means of information from the mobile stations (Abstract, col. 4, lines 35-67, col. 5, lines 1-67).

The present invention is directed to a method and system for the transferal of a communication session that has been established between a content server and a mobile device in a first area to a second area. The first area is associated with a first transcoding proxy and the second area associated with a second transcoding proxy.

Further, session information that is related to a communication session is transferred from the first transcoding proxy to the second transcoding proxy. By transferring session information during a transcoding proxy handover, the content server and the mobile device can continue a session without having to restore the state of a communication session or having to restart a communication session.

In regard to independent claims 1 and 6, the Examiner cites Watanabe for teaching a communication system for transferring a communication session established between a content server and a mobile device in a first service area of a communication network that comprises a plurality of services areas, wherein the first area is associated with a first transcoding proxy, to a second area that is associated with a second transcoding proxy.

However, a review of Watanabe at col. 10, lines 11 through col. 12, line 10, discloses a system wherein a first mobile station 11 that can use either of a speech coding scheme A or B, calls a second mobile station 12 which can only use speech coding scheme B. Further, “mobile station 11 has both codec a for speech coding scheme A and codec b for speech coding scheme B, while mobile station 12 has only codec b for speech coding scheme B.” Col. 10, lines 12-19.

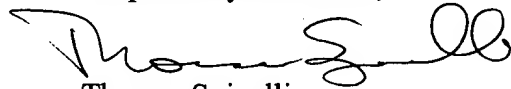
This aspect of Watanabe clearly teaches that the invention is related to the establishment of a communication protocol between two mobile devices and not an ongoing communication session that has been established between a content server and a mobile device. The communication feature of Watanabe is carried out on the basis of an optimum speech-coding scheme that is matched to the speech coding schemes provided by various radio zones, and to the speech coding capabilities of the mobile stations. Therefore, when a traffic channel is set up between a mobile station and a switch, a traffic channel selection

condition that has been specified by the switch on the basis of the speech coding capabilities of the mobile station that made the SETUP request and of the mobile station to which the call is made, is stored in a control station. Further, the control station grasps which speech-coding scheme is currently being used in the radio zone that it controls.

Therefore, Watanabe cannot teach the transference of a communication session established between a content server and a mobile device, wherein the communication session between the content server and the device is transferred from a first transcoding proxy to a second transcoding proxy. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 6 are allowable for at least the given reasons. Further, Claims 2-5, which depend from Claim 1, and claims 7-16 are allowable therewith at least because they depend from an allowable base claim. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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